

POLITICAL CHIPS

FROM THE STATE PRESS.

JUST A LITTLE BIT CANAL.

If a friend or anyone should ask you about the political standing of the Hornet, just tell them that it has not committed itself, yet, and is simply waiting for a "business proposition."—High Springs Hornet.

The man who opposes the re-election of Senator Taliaferro is certainly opposed to the best interests of Florida. That he has accomplished more good work for this state than any other representative we have ever had no honest well-posted man can truthfully deny.—Miami Metropolis.

BROWARD HAS GOOD CHANCE.

Hon. N. B. Broward of Jacksonville was in the city on last Saturday meeting a number of his friends. He is a candidate for governor, in opposition to R. W. Davis and D. H. Mays, and from what we can learn from all sources, stands a very, very good chance of winning. His ability is unquestioned, and he has, to a marked degree, the ability of making friends. Here's success to him.—Lake City Citizen-Reporter.

WANT A LATE PRIMARY.

Some people are calling for early primaries. Late in the summer would suit the people here. They won't have any time for politics until after the spring vegetable crop is made but wouldn't object to a little fun during the dog days. It was the politicians who started the campaign and if they become tired there is no objections to them taking a lay off.—Wauchoula Advocate.

Judge G. A. Hanson recently abdicated the editorial chair of the Bradenton Herald, because of his belief that the paper intended to support J. N. C. Stockton for United States senator. But a few days after the retirement of Judge Hanson from the tripod, the Herald came out squarely and vigorously for the re-election of Senator James P. Taliaferro. In pursuance of the logic of events, says the Tampa Tribune, it would now be quite the proper thing for Judge Hanson to be reinstated on the staff of the Herald, thus carrying out the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest."—Jacksonville Metropolis.

"An Interior Voter" has a communication in last Friday's Ocala Banner, on "Should the Interior be represented in Congress?" The writer calls attention to the fact that "at present with the exception of the new district, all of Florida's United States senators and congressmen reside at seaport cities. Senator Taliaferro, Jacksonville; Senator Mallory, Pensacola; Congressman Sparkman, Tampa and Congressman Davis, Palatka, the head of deep water navigation. The interior of the Peninsular portion of the State has no representation." He then asks the question, "Does this not show that the cards have been stacked and dealt unfairly to the interior?" All of which goes to show that Frank Clark, as an interior man, ought to be nominated.—Lake City Index.

James P. Taliaferro has been a credit to the state and to the party whose exponent he is. During his term of office great good has been accomplished in Washington for the state of Florida. Our rivers and harbors have received the largest need of consideration, our claims against the national government have been adjusted, the poor old Indian soldiers who suffered in silence for forty years have been recognized and have been allowed pensions somewhat in proportion to the service they rendered their country in time of need. All the credit for these benefactions is not due James P. Taliaferro. He is only one of our four representatives in congress who succeeded in securing justice for Florida from the national government, but a share of the credit is due him, and must be accorded him. He and his friends claim that Taliaferro is entitled to a second term—an endorsement from an appropriate

people to a faithful public servant who has served them loyally and has succeeded in doing things, not dream them all day long.—Deland News.

Senator J. P. Taliaferro is a candidate for re-election and because of the successful work which he has accomplished there should be no one to oppose him. By their works, men in political, as in religious life, should be judged. Taliaferro succeeded in collecting the large sum of money which others had failed to get, which was due to this state on account of the Indian War claims. He succeeded in obtaining the appropriation for work on the harbor of this city after vain efforts had been made for years by others, and for this alone he should and will receive most of the votes in this county. His record has been one of honest, faithful work for Florida and this work was not in vain. The people of this state who are interested in the development of its large and wonderful possibilities, want railroads and deep water harbors. They want money expended in draining our vast prairies, and in extending the area of the habitation portion of this great and growing portion of the peninsula, and for these reasons they will vote and work for the re-election of Senator James P. Taliaferro.—Miami Metropolis.

A PLATFORM NEEDED.

The following editorial from The Southern Argus, published at Brooksville by A. M. C. Russell, superintendent of schools of Hernando county, voices the sentiment of many democrats in various sections of Florida:

A primary without a party platform for candidates to pledge themselves to, upon appearing before the people for their support, would be a novelty.

Nominations are supposed to be made to secure the best men to carry out the expressed wishes of the party. The platform is the expression of the party, and should be made by its representatives in convention assembled. Not until the platform has been made and adopted, should the executive committee call for nominations by primary. The platform should accompany the call.

The making of a platform is beyond the inherent or delegated powers of an executive committee. It therefore devolves upon the committee, before it issues a call for a nominating primary, to give the party an opportunity to make its wishes known in regard to the issues of the day. This should be done by calling a representative convention for this purpose only.

Frank Clark and others have announced themselves as standing upon the national democratic platform, until the national convention promulgates a new one, upon which they pledge themselves in advance to stand. This may or may not do for national issues, but we have state issues which no national platform can reach.

Policies and principles upon which state affairs are to be conducted can only be indicated by a state platform, and they are necessarily distinct from those of the nation because they are local in their nature and scope. It is therefore the duty of the democratic party of the state to enunciate its platform prior to the selection of candidates to represent it and its policies on current state issues.

The platform first, candidates afterwards, is the logical sequence. A candidate running on his own platform is essentially an independent, although not in revolt against his party. The democratic party of the state should not force its aspirants to this anomalous position.—Gainesville Sun.

At the Baptist Church.

Friday night at the Baptist church Dr. R. T. Bryan, a noted Baptist missionary to China, will deliver a lecture. He is an eloquent divine and it will be a great pleasure to hear him. All are cordially invited to hear Dr. Bryan.

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SOCIETY GIRLS ON STAGE.

Prominent Columbus Women in Vaudeville For Charity. Columbus, Ga., Jan. 21.—Quite an unusual attraction was given at the Springer opera house, being nothing more nor less than Columbus society in vaudeville.

The publication of the program was sufficient to crowd the house, and the rather unusual program made a decided hit. Prominent society people took part in the various numbers.

The "dance eccentric," in which various characters and nationalities were represented by well-known young people, was quite a prominent feature of the entertainment. The costumes were quite good, and the fact that the dancers were amateurs added to the enjoyment of the audience.

The entertainment, which was under the auspices of prominent society ladies, was for charitable purposes.

SERIOUS ACCUSATION.

Negro Charged with Burning Mathis' Barn for Him.

Waycross, Ga., Jan. 21.—J. M. Mathis, a constable, and a negro, named Dick Castleberry, are under arrest charged with arson. A preliminary hearing was given them before a justice of the peace this morning, but the case was continued until next Friday because of the absence of F. B. Quinly, a witness.

Mathis was released on his own recognizance and Castleberry was remanded to jail in default of \$500 bond. The arrest was caused by J. M. Rowe, representing the Georgia Co-operative Fire Insurance company.

It is claimed that Castleberry recently set fire to and burned Mathis' store, and that Mathis is an accessory before the fact.

Mathis is a candidate for tax assessor.

GORDON MONUMENT.

Movement Taken to Erect Shaft to Lamented General.

Atlanta, Jan. 21.—A Gordon Monument association will be organized this afternoon by about 100 citizens of Atlanta, for the purpose of erecting a monument in Atlanta to the memory of the late Lieutenant General John B. Gordon.

Colonel W. L. Calhoun, one of the most prominent men of the city, will be the president of the monument association.

The resolution providing for the monument association was presented during the meeting in the hall of the house of representatives by Colonel Charles S. Arnall. It was seconded by calls from all parts of the house, and was adopted by the vast audience by a rising vote.

Four Pardons Granted.

Atlanta, Jan. 21.—Governor Terrell has, on recommendation of the prison commission, pardoned E. R. Jerrell, of Mitchell county, who was convicted in 1893 of the crime of rape, and sentenced to serve 19 years in the penitentiary. Jerrell has served 11 years. The girl who was his victim and who was 9 years old at the time, has since married and both she and her husband joined in the application for Jerrell's pardon. Charley Price, of Polk county, who was sentenced in 1901 for manslaughter, was pardoned because it was shown that in the killing he had acted in protection of his sister. Kirk Williams, of Habersham county, who was given four years for kidnapping in 1902, was pardoned, as was also Arthur Williams, who has served five years of a 10-year sentence for burglary.

Jurors Have Hard Time.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 21.—The resumption of the Bechtel trial today was delayed owing to the inability of three jurors to reach the city because of the bitter cold weather which interfered with the trolley and train service. Two of the jurors were compelled to walk 6 miles. One ear was frozen and both hands of the other were frost bitten. Both received medical attention upon their arrival here.

United Mine Workers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—At the opening of the convention of the United Mine Workers of America today President Mitchell announced the standing committees. It was announced that the credentials committee would be able to report probably tomorrow afternoon. The time limit for resolutions and proposed amendments to the constitution was fixed for tomorrow night. The committees retired for work.

Empress Indisposed.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—Empress Augusta Victoria has varicose veins in one of her lower limbs and is obliged to keep it extended on a cushion. The exclusion of ladies from tonight's drawing room because of the empress' indisposition has caused intense disappointment on the part of the many women of distinction who have come from the province or other countries for presentation.

Alexieff to Move Headquarters.

New York, Jan. 21.—It is reported here, says a Herald dispatch from Chefoo, that the Russian viceroy, Admiral Alexieff, is preparing to remove his headquarters to Harbin, a town on the Manchurian railway, where the line branches off to Port Arthur on the south.

ILL-LUCK PURSUES CHICAGO PLAYERS

Panic Narrowly Averted In Grand Palace Hotel.

BLAZE IN GRAND PALACE HOTEL.

Guests, in Terror, Rush From Their Rooms Scantly Clad—Number Rescued by Firemen—Fire, Fortunately, Controlled.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Misfortune of Chicago theatrical people during the last few weeks was again in evidence at a fire in the Grand Palace hotel, Indiana and Clark streets, early today, nearly two hundred members of theatrical troupes being driven into the street.

The fire originated on the second floor and the frightened men and women assisted from the structure in safety.

The fire originated in the second floor, supposedly from crossed electrical wires, and was carried quickly up the elevator shaft by a draught to the top floor.

Joseph Northrop, a guest of the hotel, saw the smoke in the shaft and ran down stairs in the rear of the building to notify the night clerk. The clerk immediately started awakening the guests and Northrop stepped into the elevator, ran it upward through the smoke and flames and helped arouse the guests on the top floor.

The halls were soon filled with excited men and women. The cooler guests were compelled to force their way back from the windows and fire escapes toward which a rush was being made. A number of women were preparing to jump from the windows when policemen arrived and aided the work of restraint and rescue. The women were led to a rear stairway, down which they escaped through the smoke that was pouring upward from the lower floors.

Miss Louise Mitchell, who had been hemmed in by the flames, was rescued by the firemen and taken down a fire escape.

Few of the guests had time to dress, but a number of the women had thought of their theatrical wardrobes and stood shivering in the lower halls of the building, holding some gaudy decoration of gauze and tinsel.

The fire was extinguished quickly after the guests had been taken from the building. This is the second fire in the building in the last two weeks.

The first fire started from a lighted cigarette thrown on the hall carpet on the third floor.

Almost all the guests at the hotel are members of theatrical companies stranded in Chicago.

OVERHAULING PLAYHOUSES.

Chicago's New Theater Ordinance To Be Strictly Enforced.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Nearly two months of work and \$500,000 expenditures for repairs will be required under the new theater building ordinance for the Chicago playhouses.

This is the estimate of theater managers and it does not include the amount which will be expended for the entire rebuilding of at least one theater.

Three theaters are closed certainly, and five others have almost admitted that they would be forced to suspend. The number that will not be able to reopen is estimated at one-half.

There are few theaters that will be able to use more than two floors for many months and many, even of the best, will have to abandon the gallery permanently.

The price of theater tickets is almost certain to be increased. It is said that \$2 and \$2.50 as a standard price for seats is likely to be advocated by the managers and that the low-priced houses will make corresponding increases.

FALSE ALARM SENT IN.

Test to Prove Efficiency Fire Drill In Chicago Postoffice.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Following an alarm of fire in the temporary main postoffice on the lake front nearly 100 tons of mail matter and 22 stamp cancelling machines weighing half a ton each, have been carried out of the building in four minutes. Then the army of clerks learned that the alarm was a false one to test the efficiency of the fire drill.

Twelve persons were buying stamps or posting letters when Custodian Nagle sent in the fire alarm. In less than three minutes after the sounding of the gong seven lines of hose had been attached and streams of water were being directed along the floor, much to the discomfiture of the spectators.

Stevens Issues Important Order.

Atlanta, Jan. 21.—Commissioner of Agriculture O. B. Stevens has issued an important order relative to the sale of commercial fertilizers and fertilizer materials in bulk, under the law which was passed at the last session of the legislature. The object of this law was to permit the farmer or consumer to do his own mixing without having to pay the inspection tax. The new order, which has the approval of Attorney General John C. Hart, requires the registration of all who handle bulk fertilizer material.

BOLON GOES ON STAGE.

Representative George Bell of Emanuel Appears Before Footlights.

Dublin, Ga., Jan. 20.—Hon. George E. Bell, member of the legislature from Emanuel county, has gone on the stage. This will be surprising news to his friends throughout the state. He has joined the Crump Park Stock company, and will appear at the school auditorium in this city three nights and a matinee next week. He takes the leading roles in the plays the company presents.

It is said that Mr. Bell is no stranger to the stage, and that he has considerable histrionic ability. Some years ago he was the leading man in "Bell's Comedians" which toured many cities in the south.

FURNACE COMMISSION.

No. 1 of Alabama Steel and Wire Company Will Make First Run.

Gadsden, Ala., Jan. 20.—Furnace No. 1 of the Alabama Steel and Wire company was put in commission Monday and will make its first run of iron today.

This furnace is the largest in the south. Every modern method and economical ideas in furnace building have been adopted, and its daily capacity is 350 tons. The starting of this furnace inaugurated an era of distribution of millions of dollars.

The plans of the company include four blast furnaces and ten basic open hearth steel furnaces.

HOUSE CONDEMNNS ACTION.

Mississippi Legislature Gives President Roosevelt Resolute.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 20.—The lower house of the legislature passed a resolution strongly condemning the action of President Roosevelt in closing the Indianola postoffice when the people of that place refused to accept a negro as postmistress. The president's action was denounced as "a high-handed proceeding, in violation of the federal constitution."

The senate issued a bill providing for the establishment of three agricultural experiment stations the first in north Mississippi, the second in the delta and the third in the southwestern portion of the state. They involve an extra expenditure of about \$50,000.

SIMPSON AND CASH GONE.

Prominent Young Man of Montgomery, Ala., Has Left the City.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 20.—John Simpson a prominent young man of this city, has disappeared, and it is said about \$2,500 of a local hardware firm's cash where he was employed is also missing.

Simpson was one of the most popular young men in the city. He was second lieutenant of the Montgomery Blues. He leaves a widowed mother and several sisters.

Cotton speculation is said to have been the cause of his downfall.

make another experiment and see if we cannot improve him by education of his hand and his heart. There must be a moral sub-stratum upon which to build, or you cannot make a desirable citizen."

The governor also declares that the people of the nation should rise up and demand the repeal of the fifteenth amendment.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of a final decree entered in the cause of William Young against Stephen G. Parker, pending in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Marion county, in chancery, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1904, by the Honorable W. S. Bullock, judge of the above styled court, the undersigned special master in chancery, appointed therein to execute said final decree, pointed therein to execute said final decree, on 3rd day of March, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, in front of the south door of the court house, in Ocala, Marion county, Florida, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the mortgaged premises in said final decree described as follows, to-wit: The east half of section 11, township 15, south of range 21 east, also northeast quarter of section 24, township 17, south of range 20, all in Marion county, Florida, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said final decree and costs of suit.

CARLOS L. SISTRUNK, Special Master in Chancery.

NOTICE.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the Dunnellon Phosphate Company will be held at the office of the company in Rockwell, Marion county, Florida, on Tuesday, February 16th, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon.

NOTICE.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the Port Inglis Terminal Company will be held at the office of the company in Rockwell, Marion county, Florida, on Tuesday, February 16th, 1904, at one o'clock p. m.

NOTICE.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8, of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SURVEY and Tiller, owners of Tax Certificate No. 273, date of the 1st day of April, A. D. 1898, has filed said certificate in my office, and made application for the deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Marion county, Florida, to-wit: Township sixteen south, range twenty east, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said decree and costs.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned executor of the last will and testament of JOHN A. COLE, deceased, will on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1904, make final settlement of his accounts and apply for final discharge to the county judge of Marion county, Florida, at Ocala, Florida.

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TAX ASSESSORS APPOINTMENTS.

I will be at the following places to receive returns of real and personal property and agricultural reports as the law requires: JANUARY, 1904.

Marion Monday 25 a. m.
Cotton Plant (postoffice) Monday 25 p. m.
Heidtsville Tuesday 26, 11 to 3.
Dunnellon Wednesday 27.
Romeo Thursday 28, 11 to 3.
Bilchton Friday 29.

FEBRUARY, 1904.

Kendrick Monday 1 p. m.
Martin Monday 1 p. m.
Lowell Tuesday 2 a. m.
Redick Tuesday 2 p. m.
McIntosh Wednesday 3.
Central Thursday 4 a. m.
Plemington Friday 5 a. m.
Fairfield Friday 5 p. m.
Shady Grove Monday 8 a. m.
Santos Monday 8 p. m.
Bellevue Tuesday 9.
Pedro (school house) Wednesday 10 a. m.
Summerfield Wednesday 10 p. m.
Candler Thursday 11 a. m.
Ocklawaha Thursday 11 p. m.
East Lake Friday 12 a. m.
Weirsale Friday 12 p. m.
Lindale (school house) Saturday 13, 11 to 3.
Dunnellon Saturday 13, 11 to 3.
Moss Bluff Monday 15 a. m.
Electra Monday 15 p. m.
Lynn Tuesday 16 a. m.
Grahamville Tuesday 16 p. m.
Connor Wednesday 17 a. m.
Churchill (school house) Thursday 18 a. m.
Kerr City Thursday 18 p. m.
Bureka Friday 19 a. m.
Dai Friday 19 p. m.
Pt. McCoy Saturday 20 a. m.
Anthony Monday 21 a. m.
Sparr Tuesday 21 a. m.
Greenwood Tuesday 23 p. m.
Clara Wednesday 24 a. m.
Orange Springs Thursday 25 a. m.
Ocala all of March.

The law requires all returns to be made by the first of April.

Tax Assessor Marion County.

NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of a final decree of foreclosure entered on the 10th day of October, A. D. 1903, by the Hon. W. S. Bullock, judge of the circuit court for the fifth judicial circuit of Florida, sitting in chancery for Marion county, in a certain case then pending wherein Hattie O. Allen and Geo. K. Allen, her husband, and Ella O. Browne, were complainants, and Marie Louise Goldbeck, Alfred C. Goldbeck, her husband, Adelaide V. Morgan, James W. Morgan, as heirs at law of William H. Morgan, deceased, were defendants, the undersigned special master in chancery will, on

Monday, February 21, 1904,

between 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. offer and expose for sale and will then and there sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, in front of the court house door in Ocala, Marion county, Florida, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said defendants May Louise Goldbeck and Alfred C. Goldbeck, her husband, Adelaide V. Morgan and James W. Morgan, as heirs at law of Wm. H. Morgan, deceased, of and to the following described lands, situate, lying and being in the said county and state to-wit:

Commencing at a point 6.39 chains east of the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 15, township 15, south, range 22, east, thence running north 15.65 chains, thence east 6.39 chains, thence south 15.65 chains, thence west 6.39 chains to the point of beginning, containing by estimation ten acres more or less.

Also beginning at the northeast corner of the Alvarez grant in township 15, south, range 22, east, and running thence south with a magnetic variation of 3 degrees, 9 minutes, east, 23.69 chains, thence west with a magnetic variation of 2 degrees, 15 minutes, north, 8.45 chains, thence north 23.69 chains, thence east 8.45 chains to the point of beginning, containing 20 acres of land more or less.

Said land being sold to satisfy said decree and costs.

CARLOS L. SISTRUNK, Special Master in Chancery.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., December 21, 1903.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk Circuit Court at Ocala, Fla., on

January 30th, 1904.

viz: John M. Munroe of Heidtsville, Fla. 31.66, for the southwest quarter of north east quarter section 32, township 16, south, range 18, east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. A. Manuel, of Dunnellon, Fla.; E. M. Turner, of Dunnellon, Fla.; S. M. Niback, of Dunnellon, Fla.; D. S. Folks, of Dunnellon, Fla.

W. G. ROBINSON Register.

NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Marion county, in Chancery.

American Phosphate Company, complainant vs. Thomas Palfreeman et al. defendants.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE DEFENDANTS herein named, Thomas Palfreeman, Sophie G. Parker, Asa W. Parker, Jr., Gordon Parker and Mabel G. Parker, be and they are hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint in the above entitled cause on or before Monday, the

1st day of February, A. D. 1904.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Ocala Banner.

Done this December 15, A. D. 1903.

CARLOS L. SISTRUNK, Clerk Circuit Court.

By H. C. SISTRUNK, D. C., Complainant's Solicitor.

NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of a final decree rendered on the 30th day of December, 1903, by the Honorable W. S. Bullock, judge of the circuit court of the fifth judicial circuit of Florida, Marion county, in chancery, wherein Edwin C. Smith was complainant and Aggie Golding et al. were defendants, the undersigned, as special master, appointed under said final decree to execute the same will

on Monday, the 1st day of February, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. at the court house doors in the city of Ocala, offer for sale and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the mortgaged premises described in said final decree and ordered to be sold, to-wit: The southwest quarter of section 16, township 16, south, range 18, east, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said decree and costs.

JOS. H. BELL, Special Master.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, as executor and executrix, respectively, of the estate of John F. Dunn, deceased, will on

Saturday, the 20 day of July, A. D.